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## PETITION FOR 1 MONTH EXTENTION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.17 (a)

Mail Stop Non Fee Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants hereby petition for a 1-month extension of time to respond to the Non-Final Office Action mailed June 29, 2004. The response date was September 29, 2004. With the granting of this request, the response time is re-set to October 29, 2004.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-0812 in the amount of \$110, the fee due under 37 CFR 1.17(a)(1). The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fee or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0812.

Respectfully Submitted.

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